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The Drawings filed 6 April 2004 have been received and are accepted by the Examiner.

Claims 16-19, 21-24, 36-39, 41-43, and 54-61 stand allowed pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed 10 October 2003.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Christopher James Nichols, Ph.D.** whose telephone number is (571) 272-0889. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Gary Kunz, Ph.D.** can be reached on (571) 272-0887.

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